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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: COORDINATING AGRICULTURAL AND RELATED DEVELOPMENT  
EFFORTS IN SUDAN

REF: STATE 186570

1. IN ABSENCE MINFIN BEHEIRY ON LEAVE, I BROACHED SUBJECT OF  
NEED PROMOTE TRIPARTITE OR QUADRIpartite COOPERATION (DISCUSSED  
REFTEL) WITH MINSTATE FOR FINANCE BASHIR ISHAQ ON JULY 31.  
EXPLAINED THAT ISSUE HAD BEEN RAISED DURING BEHEIRY'S TALKS IN  
WASHINGTON WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY ROBINSON, THAT WE HAVE SINCE BEEN  
CONSIDERING POSSIBILITIES AND HAVE CONCLUDED THAT BEST MEANS  
PROCEED WOULD BE FOR GOS TO SOUND OUT SAUDIS AND KUWAITIS  
INFORMALLY RE THEIR REACTION TO PROPOSAL. ISHAQ SAID HE  
FELT SURE SUDANESE WOULD FAVOR SUCH CONTACTS AND HE PER-

SONALLY SAW NO PROBLEM WITH SIMPLE QUADRIpartite  
APPROACH. ASSUMING SAUDIS AND KUWAITIS AGREED, ISHAQ  
WONDERED WHAT NEXT GOS STEP SHOULD BE.

2. REPLIED WE THOUGHT MOST USEFUL APPROACH MIGHT BE  
FOR GOS TO CONVENE GOS/USG/SAG/GOK MEETING IN KHARTOUM  
AT WHICH EACH GOVERNMENT'S INFORMATION ON RELEVANT PLANS  
AND PROGRAMS IN SUDAN COULD BE EXCHANGED AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
MADE FOR FOLLOW-UP ACTION. I NOTED THIS TYPE MULTILATERAL  
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COOPERATION WAS NEW TO US AS WELL AS TO GOS AND THAT IT

WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO DETERMINE AT EACH STAGE HOW TO PROCEED FURTHER. HOWEVER, WE DID FEEL THAT INSTITUTIONALIZED CONTACTS OF THIS TYPE WOULD FACILITATE COORDINATION AND LIAISON, AND THUS MAKE DEVELOPMENT MORE EFFECTIVE, EVEN THOUGH SUCH ARRANGEMENTS BY THEMSELVES NECESSARILY IMPLIED NO SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM USG.

3. ISHAQ SAID HE UNDERSTOOD AND WOULD REPORT FULLY TO BEHEIRI WHO SCHEDULED RETURN AUGUST 5. I CONCLUDED THAT WE WOULD AWAIT FURTHER WORD FROM GOS AS TO RESULTS THEIR SOUNDINGS BEFORE PROCEEDING.

4. COMMENT: ISHAQ IS BRIGHT, YOUNG TECHNOCRAT WHO CAN BE RELIED UPON TO REPORT FAITHFULLY TO BEHEIRY. FROM THAT POINT ON, HOWEVER, WE MAY HAVE SLOW GOING SINCE PROPOSED SUDANESE-SAUDI-KUWAITI CONTACTS CAN TAKE CONSIDERABLE TIME (PARTICULARLY WITH ADVENT RAMADAN FASTING MONTH LATE AUGUST), WHILE THERE IS RUMOR THAT MAJOR GOS CABINET CHANGES MAY BE IMPENDING.  
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